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1. In November 1952, source observed Polish sailors in the barracks installation at Neufahrwasser in Danzig (Q 55/Y 42). They wore navy uniforms. Soldiers also quartered there wore normal khaki uniforms. [] they were coastal artillery men.¹

2. In April 1952 Polish soldiers who wore khaki uniforms with red service color were at drill in the former Reiter Kaserne on the west side of ul. Skowia formerly Weidenhausen, in Danzig. About 10 trucks were parked in the yard of the installation, which included one old multi-story corner building and a drill ground and was connected with ul. Rakowa by a short approach road.²

3. In April 1952, a barracks installation on the east side of ul. Rakowa, between ul. Elblaska in the north and ul. Sadowa in the south, which included a long, old three-story brick building extending along the entire north side of ul. Sadowa, was guarded by sentries wearing dark-blue service color. Civilian houses still were between the barracks area and ul. Elblaska, which was farther to the north. A KBW (Internal Security) guard, [] said that this portion of the barracks installation quartered a KBW battalion, which also furnished the guards for the prison in Stuhm (Q 54/D 77).³ A rather new low wooden building, in which young civilians received uniforms, was on the east end of ul. Sadowa, beyond the railroad line, directly on the square west of the stadium. Source had the impression that the building, which was surrounded by barbed wire, housed a clothing depot of one of the two barracks installations.

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4. Riding past the Narvik cantonment on the northwest side of Al. Marynarki Polskiej, source in April 1952 observed members of the Polish Labor Service in the north section of the cantonment and sailors in the south section. The cantonment was an extensive installation, which had several cross streets and apparently was

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not damaged during the war.⁴

- 25X1 5. Prior to early February 1952, the former Reiter Kaserne on ul. Rakowa quartered soldiers of the Polish Army, who wore khaki uniforms and, [] were infantrymen. Polish draftees from Danzig had to report in this barracks installation for active duty. The troops in 1951 left the installation on foot for maneuvers. Source observed no heavy weapons and only a limited number of trucks, apparently for supply drives. Friends of source said that soldiers were on duty at this installation only until they were reassigned and the barracks installation was occupied by other draftees. In the fall of 1951, the installation was unoccupied for a period of 4 to 6 weeks. Mothers of inductees indicated that at that time the troops had been in a training area near Lipusz (P 55/N 55).² and ³ [] various barracks buildings of unknown pinpoint location and occupation were in the vicinity of the former Reiter Kaserne.

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- 25X1 6. Prior to early February 1952, one Soviet office, which was equipped with about 20 sedans and some trucks, still was in the city of Danzig near the building of the former police headquarters, which housed the Public Security Office for the Polish Polvedship. The staff members of this office wore Soviet Army uniforms with various service colors and officers and NCO observed there wore caps with red bands and light-blue crowns. Friends of source said that the office handled economic and political missions related to plants which after the war were put into operation by Soviet offices and the Danzig shipyard. No Soviet troops were stationed at and around Danzig. [] Soviet Major Sternberg (fmu), who, prior to 1948, headed a Soviet komendatura at Zoppot (Q 55/Y 43) and subsequently came to Danzig where he still was in 1951.

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. The present report confirms previous reports on the occupation by naval units stationed at the old Police Barracks at Neufahrwasser. []

- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The present report confirms statements []
25X1 [] in a previous report in June 1952. []

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- 25X1 3. [] Comment. The location of the KPW barracks is determined.
25X1 The furnishing of guards for the prison at Stuhm is confirmed.
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- 25X1 4. [] Comment. The 30th SP Brig is stationed at this cantonment.

- 25X1 5. [] Comment. The construction of a large training camp southwest of Lipusz commenced in 1943, but was not completed by the end of the war. This area is apparently used by the Polish Army.

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